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THE PRESSURES IN THE MELTING  
CHAMBER AND IN THE COOLING WATER  
SYSTEM OF A SPECIAL MELTING UNIT

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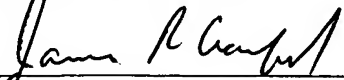
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